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An Act to continue several Laws for preventing the Spreading of the Distemper, which now rages amongst the Horned Cattle, and for empowering His Majesty to prohibit the Killing of Cow Calves.

WHEREAS the several Laws made to prevent the spreading of the Distemper amongst the Horned Cattle in this Kingdom (which have been found useful and beneficial) are near expiring; May it therefore please your Majesty, that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That an Act made in the Nineteenth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to enable His Majesty to make Rules, Orders, and Regulations, more effectually to prevent the Spreading of the Distemper which now rages amongst the Horned Cattle in this Kingdom*, which was to continue in Force for the Space of Eight Months, and to the End of the then next Session of Parliament; and which by an Act made in the Twentieth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, was explained, amended, and continued, and to be in Force with the said last mentioned Act for the Space of Eight Months from the Tenth Day of January, One thousand seven hundred and forty six, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament; and which said Acts, by an Act made in the Twentieth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, was further continued until the Twenty fourth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and forty eight, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament; and which, by an Act made in the Twenty second Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, were further continued until the Twenty fourth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and forty nine, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament; and also several Clauses in the said Act, made in the Twenty second Year of his present Majesty's Reign, for amending, explaining, and enforcing the said Acts made in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Years of his present Majesty's Reign, and for preventing the Spreading of the Distemper

amongst the Horned Cattle, and for empowering his Majesty to prohibit the Killing of Cow Calves, shall be and the same are hereby further continued from the Expiration thereof until the Twenty ninth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and fifty, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament.

And whereas the Provisions made in the said Act of the Twenty second Year of his Majesty's Reign, for preventing Persons selling any Horned Cattle before they had been in the Possession of them Forty Days, have not been found effectual, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the First Day of May, One thousand seven hundred and fifty, no Person or Persons shall sell or dispose of any live Ox, Bull, Cow, Calf, Steer, or Heifer, unless he, she, or they shall, besides his, her, or their Compliance with the Directions of the said Act, first obtain a Certificate under the Hand and Seal of some Justice of the Peace, or Commissioner of the Land Tax, specifying the Colours and Number of Beasts so intended to be sold, and the Parish, Township, or Place, from whence the same are brought, or intended to be carried, in order for Sale; and the Name or Names, Place or Places of Abode of the Owner or Owners thereof; and that it appears to such Justice or Commissioner, upon Examination on the Oath of one or more credible Witness or Witnesses, that the Beasts contained in such Certificate, have been the Property, and in the Possession of such Person or Persons for at least Forty Days before the Date of the said Certificate; and every Person selling any Ox, Bull, Cow, Calf, Steer, or Heifer, by virtue of such Certificate, shall produce the same, and give a true Copy thereof, attested by two or more credible Witnesses, to the Person or Persons buying such Beasts; and every Person selling any Ox, Bull, Cow, Calf, Steer, or Heifer, without obtaining such Certificate; and every Person buying the same (unless from Persons licensed as herein after directed) without receiving a true Copy thereof, attested as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds, for every Ox, Bull, Cow, Calf, Steer, and Heifer, bought or sold contrary to the true Intent and Meaning hereof, to be levied, adjudged, recovered, applied, and disposed of, as the Penalty of Ten Pounds by the said Act made in the Twenty second Year